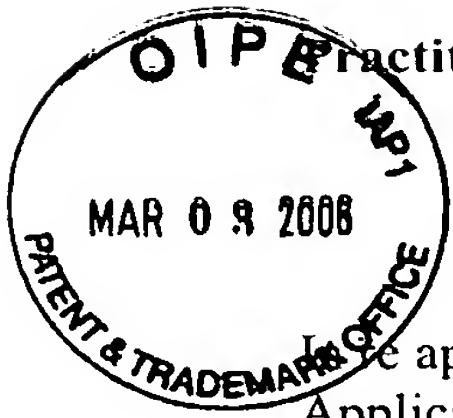


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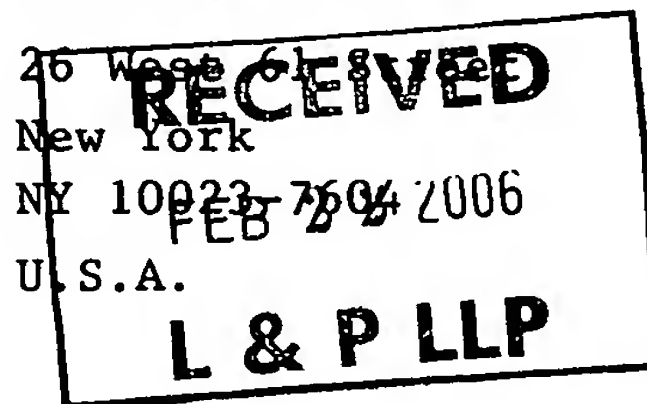
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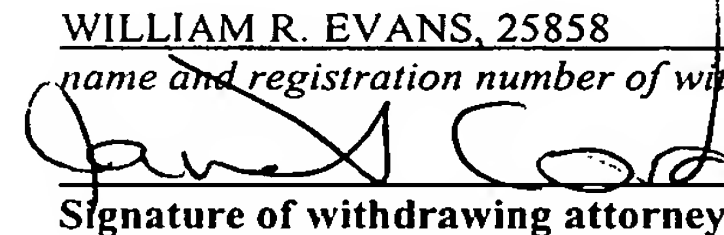
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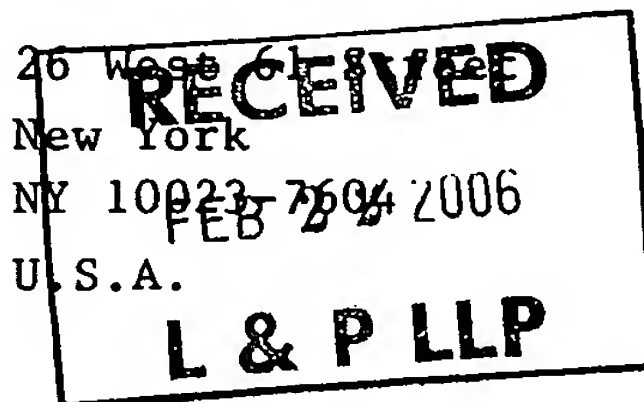
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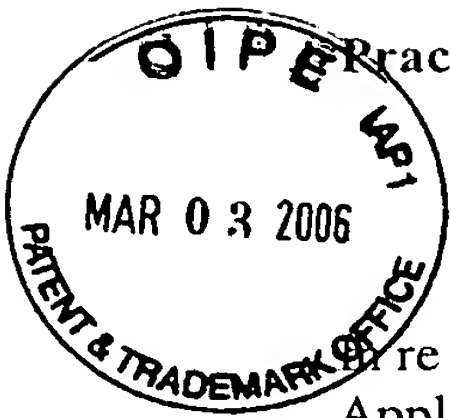
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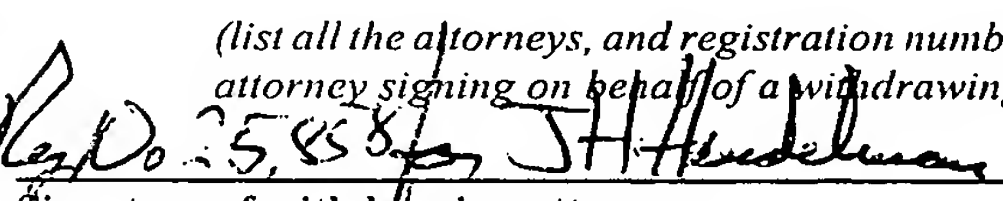
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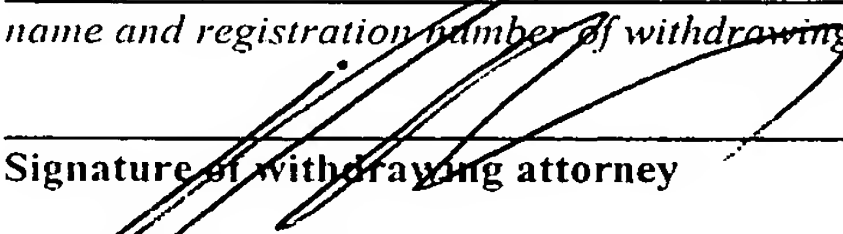
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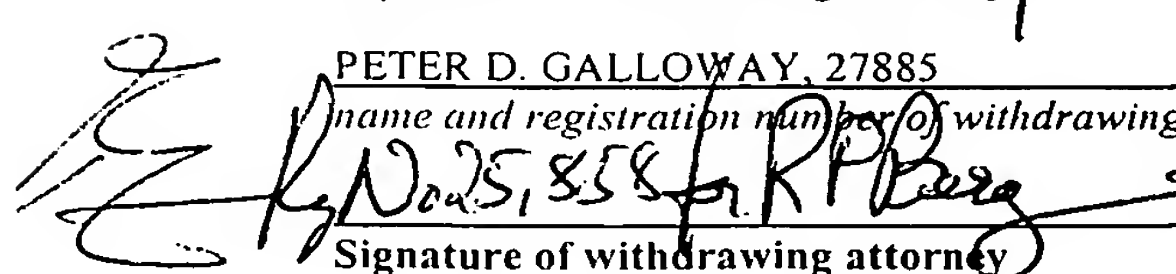
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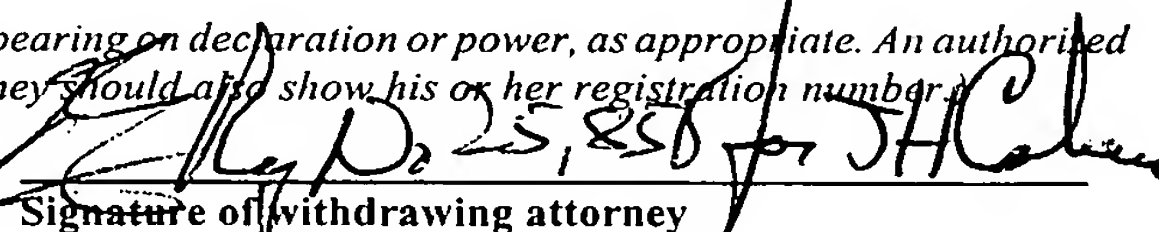

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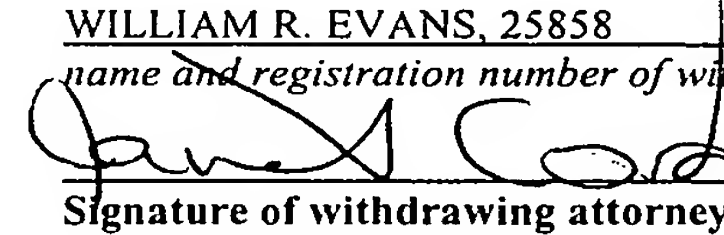

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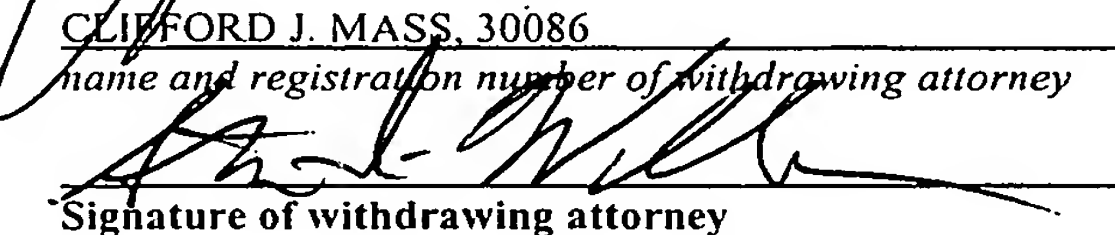
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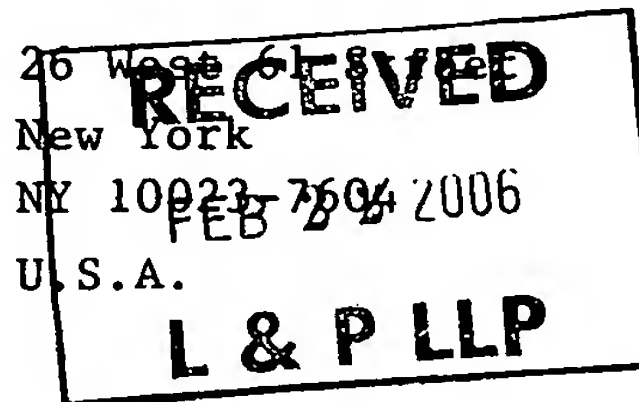
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Dear Sirs,

In the sequence of our previous correspondence, on the above mentioned subject, we ask you not to incur in any expense and close this file because we have no answer to our letters and to our phone calls, from our client.

Kindly act accordingly.

Best compliments.

Yours very truly,

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Dear Mr. Agostinho:

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Your agent, AB Patentien, has reported you unresponsive. Therefore, we are forced to withdraw from the above application. A copy of the Withdrawal that we filed at the Patent Office is attached.

Very truly yours,

William R. Evans

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